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## Nursing on the Net: Health Care Resources You Can Use

### Abstract

Looking for the latest developments in patient care but finding too much, too little or inadequate information? This hands-on workshop is designed for librarians responsible for information services to the Nursing and Allied Health professions. Participants will learn to use and evaluate web based health information resources, find online news services, continuing online education courses, and consumer health web sites. Participants will also learn to search the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE database of over 11 million citations using the PubMed interface. The workshop will also cover MEDLINEplus the National Library of Medicine's web site for consumer health information.

### Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the types of clinical information available on the Internet
- Describe the types of health related consumer/patient education resources available on the Internet
- Evaluate quality resources
- Identify Internet sites that supply continuing education, both credit and noncredit courses
- Search the Internet for news services
- Perform basic literature searches in PubMed.

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### Continuing Education

This course has been approved for 4 hours of Medical Library Association Continuing Education Units.

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### Agenda

#### **Introduction** - 10 minute

Introduce instructor(s)

Explain the objectives of the workshop

Have attendees introduce themselves

Course outline and materials

#### **Pretest** - 10 minutes

#### **Evaluating Health Information** - 10 minute lecture

10 Things to Know about Evaluating Medical Resources on the Web (NCI)

<http://cancertrials.nci.nih.gov/beyond/evaluating.html>

NN/LM GMR: Tips on Evaluating Web Resources

<http://nnlm.gov/gmr/publish/eval.html>

#### **Nursing Websites** - 15 minute lecture / 10 minute hands on

American Nursing Association

<http://www.nursingworld.org/>

NIH Clinical Center Nursing Department Standards of Practice

<http://www.cc.nih.gov/nursing/>

#### **General Resources** - 15 minute lecture / 10 minute hands on

HealthFinder

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/>

HealthWeb

<http://www.healthweb.org/>

#### **Women's Health** - 15 minute lecture / 10 minute hands on

La Leche League International

<http://www.lalecheleague.org>

National Women Health Information Center

<http://www.4women.gov>

#### **News Services** - 10 minute lecture / 10 minute hands on

Medscape

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/multispecialty/multispecialty.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FREE Continuing Education Activity

<http://mmwr.cdc.gov/internetcet/cetapp.asp>

**BREAK** - 20 minutes

**NLM's Databases** - 1 hour lecture / 15 minute hands on  
ClinicalTrials.gov

<http://clinicaltrials.gov>

PubMed

<http://www.pubmed.gov/entrez/query.fcgi>

MEDLINEplus

<http://medlineplus.gov>

**Question and Answer** - 10 minutes

**Posttest** - 5 minutes

**Evaluation / Wrap-up / CE Certificates** - 10 minutes

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### Pretest/Posttest

1. TRUE OR FALSE (please circle correct answer)

T F All health information on the web is accurate and reliable.

T F Health care professionals are in constant need of current, authoritative medical information in order to help them take better care of their patients.

T F MEDLINEplus offers weekly consumer health information email announcements.

2. Name three criteria for evaluating a web site.

3. What is your favorite web site for obtaining nursing information?

4. A nurse calls your library and requests a copy of the standard of practice for the care of a patient with a chest tube. Where could you go for this information?

5. Name two web sites that provide information about drugs approved by the FDA.

6. A nurse at your hospital comes to you requesting a definition of "acquired mutations." She said that it somehow had something to do with rare diseases. Where would be a good starting point for your search?

7. What is the difference between MEDLINEplus, MEDLINE and PubMed?

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#### *Associations and Organizations*

**AACN: American Association of Critical-Care Nurses**

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu>

**AORN: Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses**

<http://www.aorn.org>

**American Academy of Nurse Practitioners**

<http://www.aanp.org>

**American Association of Occupational Health Nurses**

<http://www.aaohn.org>

**American College of Nurse-Midwives**

<http://www.acnm.org>

**American College of Nurse Practitioners**

<http://www.nurse.org/acnp>

**American Nurses Association**<http://www.nursingworld.org>**Association of Rehabilitation Nurses**<http://www.rehabnurse.org>**AFT Healthcare: Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals**<http://www.aft.org/healthcare/index.html>**National Association of School Nurses**<http://www.nasn.org>**National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.**<http://www.ncsbn.org>**National Institute of Nursing Research (NIH)**<http://www.nih.gov/ninr>**National League for Nursing**<http://www.nln.org/index.htm>**National Student Nurses' Association**<http://www.nsna.org>**NIH Clinical Center Nursing Department**<http://www.cc.nih.gov/nursing/lsnn.html>**Sigma Theta Tau International - Honor Society of Nursing**<http://www.nursingsociety.org>**Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society (WOCN)**<http://www.wocn.org>**Continuing Education****ANA (American Nursing Association) 2000 Continuing Online Education**<http://nursingworld.org/ce/cehome.cfm>**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FREE Continuing Education Activity**<http://mmwr.cdc.gov/internetcet/cetapp.asp>**Health Interactive: Continuing Education for Nurses and other Health Professionals**<http://www.rnceus.com/>**Nursing Online Continuing Education (CEUS) on: The Nurse Friendly**<http://www.nursefriendly.com/nursing/linksections/continuingeducation.htm>**Medscape (Nursing)**

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/network/nursing/nursing.html#Online%20CME>

**Worldwide Nurse: Nursing for Nurses -- Continuing Education**

[http://209.163.238.221/Continuing\\_Education/](http://209.163.238.221/Continuing_Education/)

**Disease Resources**

**Cancer**

**American Cancer Society**

<http://www.cancer.org/>

**CancerNet**

<http://www.icic.nci.nih.gov/>

**National Cancer Institute**

<http://www.nci.nih.gov/>

**Oncolink (U of Pennsylvania Cancer Center)**

<http://www.oncolink.com/>

**Diabetes**

**American Diabetes Association**

<http://www.diabetes.org/main/application/commercewf>

**National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)**

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/diabetes/diabetes.htm>

**HIV / AIDS**

**Association of Nurses in AIDS Care**

<http://www.anacnet.org/>

**CDC Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention**

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/dhap.htm>

**CDC HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report**

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/surveillance.htm>

**JAMA HIV/AIDS Resource Center**

<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/hivhome.htm>

**University of California San Francisco-HIV Insite**

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite>



## **Drug Information**

### **Alternative Medicine Homepage**

<http://www.pitt.edu/~cbw/altm.html>

### **CenterWatch: Drugs Approved by the FDA**

<http://www.centerwatch.com/patient/drugs/DRUGLIST.html>

### **FDA Consumer Drug Information**

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/consumerinfo/>

### **Healthsquare**

<http://www.healthsquare.com/drugmain.htm>

### **MEDLINEplus Drug Information**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html>

### **NCCAM: National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine**

<http://nccam.nih.gov>

### **RxList: Internet Drug Index**

<http://www.rxlist.com>

## **Evidence Based Nursing**

### **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ): Evidence-based Practice**

<http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcix.htm>

### **Cochrane Library**

<http://www.update-software.com/Cochrane/default.HTM>

### **EBN Online**

<http://ebn.bmjournals.com>

### **Evidence Based Nursing and Health Care Resources / Health Sciences Library - University at Buffalo - State University of New York**

<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/hsl/internet/ebn.html>

## **General Internet Usage**

### **Evaluating Internet Sites**

### **Bibliography on Evaluating Internet Resources**

<http://www.lib.vt.edu/research/libinst/evalbiblio.html>

### **10 Things to Know about Evaluating Medical Resources on the Web (NCI)**

<http://cancertrials.nci.nih.gov/beyond/evaluating.html>

**NN/LM GMR: Tips on Evaluating Web Resources**<http://nnlm.gov/gmr/publish/eval.html>**When Evaluating Web Sites (Lynne Fox)**<http://www.uchsc.edu/library/outreach/eval.html>**NN/LM: Internet Discovery Tools**<http://nnlm.gov/tools.html>**NN/LM GMR: Quick Guide to Search Tools**<http://nnlm.gov/gmr/publish/search.html>**NN/LM PNR: Getting Started with E-Mail**<http://nnlm.gov/pnr/samplers/e-mail.html>***Government Agencies / Databases*****CDC: National Center for Infectious Diseases**<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/index.htm>**ClinicalTrials.gov**<http://clinicaltrials.gov>**MEDLINEplus**<http://medlineplus.gov/>**National Guideline Clearinghouse**<http://www.guideline.gov/index.asp>**National Library of Medicine**<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>**National Institute of Research Nursing**<http://www.nih.gov/ninr/>**PubMed**<http://pubmed.gov/>***Interactive Tutorials*****MEDLINEplus Health Tutorials**<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/tutorial.html>**The Virtual Hospital**<http://www.vh.org>

### **Listservs/Discussion Groups**

#### **Google Groups**

<http://groups.google.com/>

#### **Liszt Mailing List Directory**

<http://www.liszt.com/>

#### **Primary Care Internet Guide**

<http://www.uib.no/isf/guide/nursing.htm>

### **News Service**

#### **CBS HealthWatch**

<http://cbshealthwatch.medscape.com/homepage>

#### **CNN**

<http://www.cnn.com>

#### **Medscape**

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/multispecialty/multispecialty.html>

#### **MEDLINEplus Health News**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/newsbydate.html>

#### **New York Times**

<http://www.nytimes.com>

### **Nursing Resources**

*There are many WWW sites devoted to nursing - so many in fact, that it can sometimes be confusing trying to find the specific information that you need. Following is a sampler of sites that can provide a wide variety of excellent information for you and your users.*

#### **Achoo Gateway to HealthCare**

<http://www.achoo.com/main.asp>

#### **AJN - American Journal of Nursing**

<http://www.nursingcenter.com/journals/catch.cfm?id=AC9F81F2-1522-11D3-8EB0-0090276F330E>

#### **Allnurses.com**

<http://www.allnurses.com/>

#### **American Nursing Association**

<http://www.nursingworld.org/>

#### **Brownson's Nursing Notes**

<http://members.tripod.com/~DianneBrownson/>

**CarePlan Resource Center**

<http://www.careplans.com>

**Healthweb: Nursing**

<http://healthweb.org/browse.cfm?subjectid=60>

**Humboldt State University: Nursing Resources on the Web**

<http://library.humboldt.edu/~chadwick/nursresweb.html>

**Immunization Action Coalition**

<http://www.immunize.org/>

**Martindale's Virtual Nursing Center**

<http://www-sci.lib.uci.edu/HSG/Nursing.html>

**NARIC: National Rehabilitation Information Center**

<http://www.naric.com/search/>

**Nurse Web Search**

<http://www.nursewebsearch.com/>

**NursingNet**

<http://www.nursingnet.org/>

**Nursing.about.com**

<http://nursing.about.com/cs/aboutnursing/>

**Nursing Center.com--A New Face of Nursing**

<http://www.nursingcenter.com/resources/index.cfm>

**Nursing Resources in Spanish**

<http://www.careplans.com>

**RNCentral**

<http://www.rncentral.com/>

**RNWeb**

<http://rn.pdr.net/rn/index.htm>

**SpringNet**

<http://www.springnet.com/>

**UFlorida Nurse-Writer**

<http://con.ufl.edu/ors/writers/index.htm>

**US Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook: Registered Nurses**

<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm>

**Yahoo: Nursing**

<http://dir.yahoo.com/Health/Nursing/>

### **Nursing Standards**

**American Nurses Association**

<http://nursingworld.org>

**NIH Clinical Center Nursing Department Standards of Practice**

<http://www.cc.nih.gov/nursing>

### **Online Journals / Newsletters / Full Text Resources**

**AORN Online -Association of Preoperative Registered Nurses**

<http://www.aorn.org/journal/index.htm>

**Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Care**

<http://www.nurse.org/wa/arnpcare/>

**British Journal of Nursing**

<http://www.britishjournalofnursing.com/>

**CINAHL**

<http://www.cinahl.com/>

**Internet Journal of Advanced Nursing Practice**

<http://www.ispub.com/journals/ijanp.htm>

**Internurse.com**

<http://www.internurse.com/>

**MedicineNet**

<http://www.medicinenet.com/Script/Main/hp.asp>

**Medscape**

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/network/nursing/nursing.html>

**NN/LM: Ejournals**

<http://nnlm.gov/libinfo/ejournals>

**Nurse Beat-Cardiac Nursing Electric Journal**

<http://www.nurse-beat.com/>

**Nurse Practitioner**

<http://www.springnet.com/np/npract.htm>

**Online Journal of Nursing Resources**

<http://www.nursingworld.org/ojin/index.htm>

**ONJI--On-line Journal of Nursing Informatics**<http://milkman.cac.psu.edu/~dxm12/OJNI.html>**WCI-Wound Care Institute**<http://www.woundcare.org/newsletters.htm>**WebMedLitPlus**<http://www.webmedlit.com>**World Wide Wounds**<http://www.worldwidewounds.com/index.html>**Your State Resources****BadgerLink (Wisconsin Residents Only)**<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/badgerlink/>**ILLINET Online (Catalog of 45 Illinois Libraries)**<http://pac.ilcso.uiuc.edu/>**Inspire (Indiana Residents Only)**<http://www.inspire.net/>**Kentucky Virtual Library (Kentucky Residents Only)**<http://www.kyvl.org/>**MEL: Michigan Electronic Library (Michigan Residents Only)**<http://mel.org/databases.html>**MnLINK: Minnesota Library Information Network (Minnesota Residents Only)**<http://www.mnlink.org/>**OhioLINK**<http://www.ohiolink.edu/>**Women's Health****Alan Guttmacher Institute**<http://www.agi-usa.org>**Guide to Women's Health on the Internet**<http://www.indra.com/natracare/guide.html>**La Leche League International**<http://www.lalecheleague.org/>**National Women Health Information Center**

<http://www.4women.gov/>

**OBGYN.net-The Universe of Women's Health**

<http://www.obgyn.net/>

**OBC--Online Birth Center**

<http://www.moonlily.com/obc/>

***Men's Health***

**Healthtouch Online(search Men's Health)**

<http://www.healthtouch.com/default.asp>

**Internet Health Library: Men's Health**

<http://www.health-library.com/men/index.html>

**National Prostate Cancer Coalition**

<http://www.4npcc.org/>

***Children's Health***

**KidsHealth**

<http://kidshealth.org/>

**MayoClinic.com Children's Condition Center**

<http://www.mayohealth.org/home?id=3.1.6>

**Virtual Children's Hospital (Children's Hospital of Iowa / U of Iowa Healthcare)**

<http://www.vh.org/VCH/>

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